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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Dear Sir:

This document is submitted in response to the Office Action mailed from the United States Patent and Trademark Office on August 14, 2002 (Paper No. 14).

**In the claims:**

Please amend claim 44 as follows:

44. (Amended) A method of selecting inhibitors of an autoinducer molecule of *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* comprising:

contacting the autoinducer molecule with a suspected inhibitor;

measuring the ability of the treated autoinducer molecule to stimulate the activity of a

selected gene;

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